WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An ink jet recording element comprising a support having thereon a porous image-receiving layer comprising:

(a) particles having a mean particle size of from greater than 0.04 μm to about 5 μm ; and

(b) water insoluble, cationic, polymeric particles comprising at least about 20 mole percent of a cationic mordant moiety.

2. The recording element of Claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of (b) water insoluble, cationic, polymeric particles to (a) particles is from about 1:2 to about 1:10.

3. The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said porous imagereceiving layer also contains a binder in an amount up to about 20 weight %.

4. The recording element of Claim 3 wherein said binder is a hydrophilic polymer.

5. The recording element of Claim 4 wherein said hydrophilic polymer is poly(vinyl alcohol), hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, gelatin, or a poly(alkylene oxide).

6. The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said (a) particles are inorganic.

7. The recording element of Claim 6 wherein said (a) particles are inorganic oxides.

8. The recording element of Claim 6 wherein said (a) particles are silica, alumina, boehmite or hydrated aluminum oxide.

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- 9. The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said (a) particles are organic particles.
- 10. The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said (a) particles have a mean particle size of from about 0.05 μm to about 1 μm .
- 11. The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said (b) water insoluble, cationic, polymeric particles are in the form of a latex.
- 12. The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said (b) water insoluble; cationic, polymeric particles comprise a quaternary ammonium salt moiety.
- 13. The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said (b) water-insoluble, cationic, polymeric particles have a mean particle size of from about 10 to about 500 nm.
- 14. The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said (b) water insoluble, cationic, polymeric particles are in the form of a water dispersible polymer.
- 15. The recording element of Claim 1 wherein a base layer is present between said support and said/image-receiving layer.
- 16. The recording element of Claim 15 wherein said base layer comprises silica, alumina, boehmite, hydrated aluminum oxide, titanium oxide, zirconium oxide, calcium carbonate, clay, magnesium carbonate or barium sulfate.
- 17. The recording element of Claim 15 wherein said base layer comprises at least about 50% by weight of particles.

18. The recording element of Claim 1 wherein said (b) water insoluble, cationic, polymeric particles comprise at least about 50 mole percent of a cationic mordant moiety.